

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Stenomimus pallidus Boh.—May eleventh, 1893, while collecting beetles in the prehistoric cemetery near Madisonville, Hamilton Co., Ohio, I examined the trunk of a fallen black walnut tree (*Juglans nigra*). I pulled off the bark and in the moist fibers beneath there were thousands of this species. I had never taken it before and when I came home and studied it, I recognized it by the description given by Horn in Proc. Amer. Phil. Soc., p. 441. Returning to the locality three days later for more specimens, I found the bark dried up and not a specimen to be obtained. Nor have I met with it since. This was evidently its breeding place and minute pale grubs were observed with the beetles, the larvæ.—Charles Dury.

Local Species of Dermestes.—While nothing can be added to the synopsis printed in this JOURNAL (VIII, pp. 140-143; 1900), an isolated statement of the differences that characterize our four local species may be useful to some readers. *D. lardarius* has the front part of the elytra uniformly and closely clothed with pale reddish hairs, except for three denuded spots. *D. caninus* is decidedly marinate with pale hairs, mingled with some reddish ones on the thorax. It is black, comparatively broad and the male has tufts of brown hair on two ventral segments. *D. vulpinus* is dark brown or piceous in color, sparsely clothed with gray hairs, which are noticeably condensed at the sides of the thorax. It is more elongate, the sutural angle of the elytra is prolonged into a distinct tooth, and the male has the tuft of brown hair on one ventral segment only. *D. frischii* is black, clothed with gray hair, condensed, as in *vulpinus*, at sides of thorax, but with a dark spot near base within the pubescent part. It is as broad as *caninus* but like *vulpinus* has only one ventral segment with the tuft of brown hair. The color characters may be obscured in poorly preserved specimens, but the male tufts of hair and the difference in form will still serve to separate these species.—C. W. Leng.

Tychius (Microtogus) picirostris Fab.—In European specimens of *T. picirostris* in the Nat. Museum collection, shown me by Mr. E. A. Schwarz, I recognized the species described by me as *T. griseus* from Ithaca, N. Y.—Charles Schaeffer.